

**ELECTION OBSERVER PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUSA**  
**February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election**

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**530-458-0500**

**Background**

Colusa County has 18 voting precincts for this election. Breakdown as follows:

11 are **Polling Place Precincts** [Colusa County Polling Places Feb 08 Election](#)

7 are **Mail Ballot Precincts**.

**Voting System:** Election Systems & Software In-Precinct Optical Scanners – Model 100 with Election Systems & Software AutoMark Accessibility component.

There are 7,843 Registered Voters as of 1/22/08. Of this total (30%) are Permanent Vote by Mail Voters.

Vote by Mail Ballots are processed at the elections office with the same equipment used at the polling places (E S & S Model 100). Official Observers, as well as members of the public are invited to observe the process.

[Vote by Mail Processing Schedule](#)

In effect since 1985, the County of Colusa's Election Observer Panel Plan calls upon representatives of following entities to assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process and to encourage participation and public input into the election process:

1. The Colusa County Grand Jury.
2. County Central Committees.
3. Member of the media serving the population of Colusa County.
4. The Colusa County Bar Association.

Letters of invitation are mailed to the above groups requesting the names of the representatives serving as Observers for the Election. Upon receipt of response, letters of introduction will be issued to Panel Members visiting polls on Election Day. [sample invitation](#)

Observers will also receive "Code of Conduct for Election Observers". [Code of Conduct for Election Observers](#)

Other groups or individuals expressing interest in observing election day activities may be included in the observer panel by contacting the Elections Office at 530-458-0500.

## FEBRUARY 5, 2008 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

<b><u>Precinct</u></b>	<b><u>SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 1</u></b>	<b><u>Voting Location</u></b>
105 105.1	Arbuckle-College City (A)	Arbuckle Public Utility District Office 104 5 <sup>TH</sup> St Arbuckle, CA 95912
106 106.1	Arbuckle (B)	Alexander Center Apartments Recreation Room 901 Gail Ave. Arbuckle, CA 95912
<b><u>Precinct</u></b>	<b><u>SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 2</u></b>	<b><u>Voting Location</u></b>
202	Wescott	Business & Visitor Center 2963 Davison Ct. Colusa, CA 95932
203	Grimes	<b><i>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCT</i></b> 2 nearest polling places: Wescott Arbuckle A
213	Vista A	St. Bernadette's Hall Our Lady of Lourdes School 745 Ware Ave. Colusa, CA 95932
214	Vista B	Eskaton-Jaconetti Senior Manor Community Room 232 E. Carson St. Colusa, CA 95932
<b><u>Precinct</u></b>	<b><u>SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 3</u></b>	<b><u>Voting Location</u></b>
301 301.1	Geneva	Williams Community Church Fellowship Hall Corner of 9 <sup>th</sup> & C Streets Williams, CA 95987
323	Williams	City Hall 810 E St Williams, CA 95987

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 4</u>	<u>Voting Location</u>
401/401.1	Maxwell	Wells Fargo Bldg. Highway 99 Maxwell, CA 95955
402	Newland	Senior Center Parkhill & 9 <sup>th</sup> St Colusa, CA 95932
405/405.1	Stonyford	<b>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCT</b> 2 nearest polling places: Maxwell, Williams
406	Lodoga	<b>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCT</b> 2 nearest polling places: Maxwell, Williams
407	Venado	<b>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCT</b> 2 nearest polling places: Williams Comm. Church, Williams City Hall
427	Cortina	<b>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCT</b> 2 nearest polling places: Williams Comm. Church, Williams City Hall

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 5</u>	<u>Voting Location</u>
501/502	Butte Creek/Cooper/Goads	<b>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCT</b> 2 nearest polling places: Colusa City Hall, Jaconetti Manor
505	Princeton	<b>MAILED BALLOT PRECINCT</b> 2 nearest polling places: Colusa City Hall, Senior Center on Parkhill (Newland) Colusa
512	Colusa A	Colusa City Hall 425 Webster St. Colusa, CA 95932
513	Colusa B	Colusa City Hall 425 Webster St. Colusa, CA 95932

A word about Mailed Ballot Precincts:

**Elections Code 3005. Mailed Ballot Precinct.**

Whenever, on the 88<sup>th</sup> day before the election, there are 250 or less persons registered to vote in any precinct, the elections official may furnish each voter with an absentee ballot along with a statement that there will be no polling place for the election. The

elections official shall also notify each voter of the location of the two nearest polling places in the event the voter chooses to return the ballot on election day. The voter shall not be required to file an application for the absentee ballot and the ballot shall be sent as soon as ballots are available.

Voters may return their voted Mailed Ballot to any polling place in the County on Election Day. They may also return the voted ballot to the County Clerk's Office.



PUBLIC NOTICE TO VOTERS  
IN COLUSA COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the processing of *Vote by Mail Ballots\** for the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election will take place at the Office of the County Clerk located in the Hall of Records at 546 Jay Street, Colusa as follows:

Thursday, January 31 from the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 1 from the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 4 from the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 5 (Election Day) from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The process is open to the public to observe.

Voters casting their ballot by mail are reminded that ballots must be received by close of polls (8:00 p.m. on Election Day) in order to be counted. **Postmarks do not count.** Voted ballots should be returned to the Elections Office as soon as possible. Voted ballots should be mailed by January 31 to insure timely receipt. Ballots can also be returned in person to the County Clerk's Office or may be dropped off at any polling place in Colusa County on Election Day.

On Election Day, Tuesday February 5, 2008 the County Clerk's Office will open at 7:00 a.m. and remain open through the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. and until semi-official results are compiled and posted. Members of the public are invited to observe. Updated results will be made available periodically throughout the evening. Additional election information can be found at [www.colusacountyclerk.com](http://www.colusacountyclerk.com) or by calling 458-0500.

*\*Formerly called Absentee Ballots, includes Permanent Absentee, Regular Absentees and Mail Ballot Precincts*

Dated: January 23, 2008

Kathleen Moran  
Colusa County Clerk and  
Registrar of Voters

# Colusa County Clerk

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January 25, 2008

Colusa County Grand Jury  
Secretary

To Whom it May Concern:

The Colusa County Elections Department is convening the County Election Observer Panel to observe activities associated with the February 5, 2008 Presidential Primary Election.

Typically, members may visit one or more polling locations on Election Day and then visit the ballot counting center to observe the tabulation process on Election Night. Panel members are also invited to observe staff at the Courthouse as they process vote by mail ballots. Members of the panel will be provided with information they need to participate in these activities.

Please contact our office by February 1, 2008 with the name or names of your representatives.

Thanks again for your assistance and support.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Moran  
Colusa County Clerk and  
Registrar of Voters

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ELECTION OBSERVERS

### *Observers are invited to:*

- Observe the proceedings at the polls, including opening and closing procedures.
- Obtain information from the precinct index that is posted near the entrance.
- View all activities at the Elections Office on Election Day.
- View the Canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View Vote by Mail and Provisional Ballot processing (see schedule of days and times).

### *Observers are expected to:*

- Check in at each site and wear an Identification Badge.
- Observers must ensure that their presence, while welcomed and encouraged in no way interferes, interrupts or diverts the attention of those charged with the operation of the polling place away from the important responsibilities they are charged with.
- Observers are not allowed to touch any ballots or voting equipment or sit at official work tables.
- Observers are not allowed to display campaign materials, wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel supporting or opposing any candidate or measure.
- Observers are asked not to use cell phones, pagers, two-way radios or other such devices inside polling places or within 100 feet of the entrance of the polling place, or inside the Elections Office.

### *Observer Panel Feedback:*

- After the election, participants are encouraged to provide feedback pro or con, from their experience. The feedback may be by telephone, email, in writing or in person.

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## PRESS RELEASE

January 26, 2008

### REGISTERED VOTERS NEEDED FOR COUNTY'S ELECTION OBSERVER PANEL

County Registrar, Kathleen Moran is seeking Non-Partisan registered voters, voters registered with the Democratic Party in Colusa County, and registered voters in other qualified parties to serve on the County's Election Observer Panel. The Panel currently has participation from the Republican Central Committee, the Colusa County Grand Jury and the County Bar Association. The purpose of the Panel is to provide an avenue for public observation and input into the election process, to assist in ensuring the integrity of the election process and to encourage voter participation and education through involvement and exposure to the election process beyond "the ballot box". An example of the Panel's function would be to monitor Polling Locations on Election Day and to observe activities at the Elections Office on Election Night and provide post-election feedback. The County has had an Observer Panel Plan in effect since 1985. For information contact Kathleen Moran at 458-0500.